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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS ROUNDUP

REF: BA 5656

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DETAILED REPORTING IN REFTEL
ON ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

2. CABLE RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON WHICH CLARIFICATION
WOULD BE HELPFUL:

A) MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS REPORTED: WITH REFERENCE
TO THE "OTHER PERMANENT ASSEMBLY LEADER" WHO WAS TORTURED
AT TIME OF INTERROGATION, DID THIS OCCUR IN 1977? OTHER
EXAMPLES OF MISTREATMENT GIVE TIME WHEN SUCH BRUTALITY
OCCURRED. TIME SETTING IS HELPFUL BECAUSE IT ALLOWS
DEPARTMENT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND TRENDS IN ARGENTINE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION.

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B) NEW DRUG REPORTED INTRODUCED: DEPARTMENT REALIZES
THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CORROBORATING INFORMATION

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s):

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ON A QUESTION AS SENSITIVE AS USE OF "KETALAR", BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY FURTHER SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DRUG'S USE WHICH EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN. WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE BEST INDICATION POSSIBLE OF

MAGNITUDE OF CURRENT ELIMINATION OF TERRORISTS AND SUBVERSIVES.

C) JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES PROBLEMS: HAVE THERE BEEN CONTINUING ARRESTS OF WITNESSES OR HAS GOA LIMITED ITS REACTION TO LESS DIRECT HARASSMENT.

D) [REDACTED] IS IT EMBASSY'S, [REDACTED] IMPRESSION THAT TORTURE OF PRISONERS OCCURS IN 90 PERCENT OF POLITICAL PRISONER ARRESTS, AND DOES IT APPEAR TO BE CONTINUING AT THIS RATE WITH REGARD TO NEW ARRESTS?

E) ESTIMATED PRISON POPULATION [REDACTED] FIGURES FOR PEN PRISONERS ADD UP TO 3452; IS THIS ROUGHLY THE SAME AS PRESENT EMBASSY ESTIMATE?

F) DAM PRISONERS: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS SAID THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS 8,000 UNACCOUNTED FOR PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA. SECURITY FORCE SOURCES STATED DAM TOTAL DOES NOT EXCEED 500, WHICH FIGURE IN EMBASSY OPINION IS CLOSER TO FACT, AI OR SECURITY FORCES?

G) THE TIMERMAN CASE: DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TOLD BY HIS FRIENDS THAT TIMERMAN'S DENTIST DID MAKE A PROFESSIONAL [REDACTED]
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